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SYSTEM FOR USE IN SMALL JOINTS

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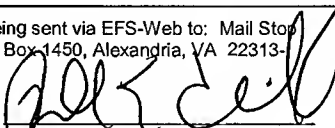
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Final Office Action dated February 1, 2007, along with a Request for Continued Examination and an Interview Request.

*Amendments to the Claims* begin on page 2 of this paper.

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